What is the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System?

O.C.G.A. 38-3-57 requires Georgia public safety agencies to adopt the National Incident Management System Incident Command System (NIMS ICS). NIMS ICS is a system that provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state and local governments to work effectively together to prepare, respond and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of the cause, size or complexity.

What Does NIMS and ICS Include?

NIMS includes command and management, preparedness, resource management, communications and information management, supporting technologies, and ongoing management and maintenance. The Incident Command System (ICS) is only one component of NIMS, but is the most important for establishing command and management.

Why Should You Use ICS?

ICS creates a unified chain of command so multiple agencies can respond to an incident quickly in a consolidated, well-coordinated manner. But the real advantage of ICS is that it enables the public safety community to better fulfill their duty to serve and protect citizens in times of disaster.

Are you NIMS ICS compliant?

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Which Disciplines Need ICS Training?

ICS has proven to be an effective and efficient incident management system. ICS merges facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications into a common organizational structure.

In Georgia, the adoption and implementation of NIMS is high priority. To meet NIMS compliance guidelines, the Office of Homeland Security-Georgia Emergency Management Agency (OHS-GEMA) has identified the following 10 core disciplines to undergo training and implement ICS into communicating priorities, plans and actions: fire services, hazardous material response teams, emergency medical services, emergency management, law enforcement, public works, government administration, public safety communications, health care and public health.

Institutionalizing ICS

ICS training is being integrated into training programs. GPSTC has incorporated the ICS courses into its supervisor and management-level courses for both fire and police. NIMS ICS and NRP courses also are being incorporated into the certified emergency management program.

Are Your Plans NIMS Compliant?

Georgia has adapted the National Incident Management System Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) to measure levels of NIMS compliance. NIMCAST is a self-assessment tool that contains 85 questions for local and state agencies and private industry to evaluate the ability to effectively prepare, prevent, respond and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.

For more information on NIMCAST, please visit OHS-GEMA's Web site at www.gema.state.ga.us.

What Level of NIMS ICS Training is Needed?

The following guide will help you determine the level of NIMS ICS training that is required for your personnel.

IS 700
NIMS Introduction

front line employees
front line supervisor
middle management
command staff

IS 100
Introduction to ICS, or equivalent

front line employee
front line supervisor
middle management
command staff

IS 200
Basic ICS, or equivalent

front line supervisor
middle management
command staff

ICS 300
Intermediate ICS, or equivalent

middle management
command staff

ICS 400
Advanced ICS, or equivalent

command staff

IS 800
Introduction to the National Response Plan (NRP)

middle management
command staff

The following courses are available online with FEMA: IS 100 — Introduction to ICS, IS 200 — Basic ICS, IS 700 — NIMS Introduction and IS 800 NRP, an Introduction. For more information, please visit FEMA's training site at **www.FEMA.training.gov.**

In Georgia, NIMS ICS training is being coordinated by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), OHS-GEMA and the Georgia Forestry Commission. For more information, visit **www.nims.gpstc.georgia.gov**.